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Predicting glory

C-USA's head coaches pick UCF to win East Division again — SEE SPORTS, A8



Gator aid

UCF grad shares story on the rebuilding of Gatorland — SEE NEWS, A2



Movies

WHY SO OPULENT?

The hit summer blockbuster *The Dark Knight* has broken the opening-weekend box office earnings record with a whopping \$155.34 million. The latest tale in the revamped Batman universe stars Heath Ledger as a psychopathic terrorist known as The Joker. This was Heath Ledger's last role in movies.



Transportation

FEELS LIKE IT DRIVES ON AIR



Indian car designer Tata Motors is making history with an automobile that runs on air. Called the Air Car, the motor uses compressed air to drive the pistons. It should only take about \$2 to fill up, and the car itself will only cost \$8,177. It will be able to go 300 km between air refills. The chilled compressed air from the exhaust powers the air conditioner.



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AROUND CAMPUS, A2

NEW FILM DISCUSSES RACISM AND SEXISM IN THE WORKPLACE

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INVESTIGATORS TRY FIGURE OUT WHY CRANE COLLAPSED

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TODAY'S WEATHER

ISOLATED T-STORM
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Members of the SGA Senate raise their hands to signify a vote in favor of impeaching Sen. Webster Cook during their Thursday evening meeting. The final vote was 33 for, 2 against.

The ayes have it



Sen. Cook watches the original Legislative, Judicial and Rules Committee that voted 5-2-0 to send his impeachment case to the Senate for voting. He was not at the Senate meeting.

"The situation involving Senator Cook and the CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY is an isolated event and one that has interfered with our true purpose." BRIAN PETERSON, SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

UCF student who took a Eucharist from a Catholic Campus Ministry Mass is impeached

JEFFREY RILEY
Editor-in-Chief

Student Government Association Senator Webster Cook was impeached during the SGA meeting on Thursday evening. The vote count was 33-2-0.

Being impeached doesn't mean he will be removed from office. The vote signals the start of a two to four-week investigation by the Legislative, Judicial and Rules Committee. After the investigation, the Senate will hold another meeting and vote whether or not to remove Cook from his elected position.

According to a press release written by Dustin Robinson, service and public relations chairman for SGA, this will have no effect on Cook's status as a student.

"The Student Government Association does not have the ability to expel Webster Cook, this is a power given solely to the Student Conduct Board," Robinson wrote.

Sen. Cook was not present at the meeting where he was impeached. At the beginning of the meeting, Speaker Brian Peterson gave a report on the matter to the Senate.

"Let me begin by addressing an issue that's recently received a great deal of attention and cast a negative light on our efforts within the Student Government," Peterson said. "The situation involving Senator Cook and the Catholic Campus Ministry is an isolated event and one that has interfered with our true purpose."

The meeting was a normal Senate session, so after the opening statements by Peterson, other topics were discussed. Before moving on to the impeachment affidavit, the senators were given 10 minutes to read over the affidavit itself, which contained quotes and statements from members of Catholic Campus Ministry who were present at the Mass when Cook was.

After only a few minutes of debate on the topic, the vote itself took place, and Cook was impeached.

Webster Cook, along with a friend, went to a Catholic Campus Ministry Mass on June 29. During the Mass, Cook had an altercation with various members of the organization after he pocketed a Eucharist, which is against Catholic tradition.

Cook ended up leaving the Mass with the Eucharist. He

VOTE RECAP

YES	33
NO	2

PLEASE SEE **COOK** ON A6

Former UCF student faces murder charges

Suspect resisted extradition since 2000

MARK SCHAUB
Contributing Writer

A former UCF computer science major was extradited to Orlando on July 10 to face first degree murder charges.

Kamlesh Agrawal, 30, is charged with murdering his cousin, Deepa Agarwal, on July 11, 1999. Agarwal was also a UCF student.

According to the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Agrawal was arrested in Mumbai, India, in 2000 and has been resisting extradi-

tion to the country since.

Deepa Agarwal's body was shoved into a sealed moving box in the closet of her and Agrawal's shared apartment at the Mission Bay apartments on University Boulevard. The body was found on July 19, 1999.

According to investigators, Kamlesh Agrawal became the prime suspect after he sold his car and other items soon after the murder to an associate and bought a

PLEASE SEE **JEALOUSY** ON A7



Kamlesh Agrawal is charged with murdering his cousin Deepa Agarwal in their Mission Bay apartment on July 11, 1999. Agrawal now faces first degree murder charges.

Athlete died of sickle cell trait

Plancher collapsed while working out

BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

UCF Football player

Ereck Plancher died due to his medical condition — sickle cell trait — that put him at risk for sudden death during strenuous physical activity, according to a statement released Thursday by the Office of the Medical Examiner for Orange and Osceola counties.

Plancher collapsed during a March 18 conditioning workout that was supervised by UCF coaches and staff. Plancher was taken to a nearby hospital and died less than an hour later.

The Medical Examiner's Office stated after examination of Plancher's body and review of numerous other tests that Plancher's death was the result of "dysrhythmia due to acute exertional rhabdomyolysis with sickle cell trait."

The sickle-cell trait can hamper the ability of cells to carry oxygen and has been cited as the cause of sudden death of athletes after strenu-



Plancher

PLEASE SEE **MEDICAL** ON A7

Senate honors recent deaths

MARY CRISTOBAL
Contributing Writer

The Student Government Association Senate passed two resolutions to honor the memories of graduate student Nicole Ganguzza and alumnus Sean Thomas Dolan at the July 17 meeting.

"I will not watch the student government vote against the resolutions in memory of these two students," said a member of the student senate amid a debate.

A resolution would create an official legislative action that commemorate's Ganguzza and Dolan's life and their time spent at the university.

Senate President Brian Peterson stepped down to speak on the issue.

"This is not a political decision to make," Peterson said.

The 40th Student Senate passed the two resolutions unanimously, and both had a 34-0 vote. Resolution 40-22 will honor the memory of

PLEASE SEE **SENATORS** ON A7

AROUND CAMPUS

News and notices for the UCF community

New film discusses racism at work

A film called *Last Chance for Eden* is showing at UCF. The movie is about eight people discussing the issues of racism and sexism in the workplace.

The movie is at the Research Pavilion, Suite 169. It starts at 9 a.m. tomorrow and is free for everyone who shows up.

Call 407-823-6479 for more information.

Give blood and get a smoothie

The bloodmobile will be in front of the Student Union tomorrow from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The first 50 donors will receive a free smoothie from Smoothie King. Each donation of blood is three lives saved.

Call 407-248-5089 for more information.

Stress shouldn't bring you down

Learn how to manage your stress and anxiety while in college at a session by Health Services. The group will focus on the impact of stress and how it relates to each individual student.

The session is tomorrow from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Call 407-823-5841 for more information.

LOCAL & STATE

Keep local with headlines you may have missed

Authorities continue to look for 2-year-old girl missing in Orlando

ORLANDO — Authorities are working on dozens of tips in their search for a missing 2-year-old Central Florida girl.

Orange County Sheriff's officials say Caylee Marie Anthony mysteriously vanished more than a month ago.

Her mother, 22-year-old Casey Marie Anthony, was arrested after she went to police this week to report the disappearance. She's charged with child neglect and criminal obstruction.

Officials say the woman told detectives she had dropped off her daughter at a baby sitter last month but hadn't seen her since. The charging affidavit says the mother didn't call authorities immediately because she was conducting her own investigation.

On Friday, authorities used cadaver-sniffing dogs to search in the back yard of a home belonging to the woman's parents.

Man who allegedly tried to break into business died in vent shaft

HOLLYWOOD — Authorities say the body of a man suspected of trying to break into a South Florida business was found in the ventilation shaft.

Hollywood police say the body of the unidentified man was found Saturday evening after employees noticed a foul smell and what appeared to be blood dripping on the floor in the kitchen. When rescuers opened a vent on the roof, they found the man's body.

It's not yet known how he died. Nothing had been stolen from the business.

Red algae blooms along 12 miles of coast near Fort Myers Beach

FORT MYERS — Red algae is littering some beaches along the Southwest coast of Florida.

The algae can be found along 12 miles of shoreline between Fort Myers Beach and the north end of Bonita Beach. It's being blamed on a week's worth of heavy rains and churning Gulf of Mexico waters.

Although harmless to beachgoers, the algae has a bad smell. Business owners in the area say it has kept visitors away or forced them to cut vacation plans short.

But one resident says she won't let it ruin her beach plans. JoAnn Conleyn drives to the beach every Friday with a few friends. The 58-year-old says it may smell, but it doesn't bother her.

In 2006, red drift algae washed ashore during Tropical Storm Alberto and blanketed most of Fort Myers Beach.

TAKING A BITE OUT OF HISTORY

UCF Grad shares his Gatorland journey at History Center's Brown Bag Lunch and Learn

JONATHAN HOHENSEE
Staff Writer

"It's never fun catching alligators," Gatorland's show coordinator Kenny Danberry said, referring to the difficulty of capturing the 3-year-old alligator he was presenting to group of grade school children inside the lobby of the Orange County Regional History Center on July 15.

Inside of Danberry's shirt was a 10-month-old baby alligator. For the July 15 installment of the History Center's Brown Bag Lunch and Learn program, Mark McHugh, the president and CEO of the Orlando amusement park Gatorland and UCF graduate, was invited to the History Center to discuss both the history and future of the 59-year-old tourist destination.

McHugh spoke inside of the History Center's second-story ballroom, where, with the help of a slide show, he discussed the humble origins of Gatorland. Owen Godwin Sr. founded Gatorland in 1949 and originally named the park the Florida Wildlife Institute.

"We are an integral part of the community, we're deeply involved with the community, we've been here for about 60 years and a lot of people that grew up here, in Orlando grew up going to Gatorland," McHugh said.

Through its history, Gatorland acted as a destination for those who were not only interested in alligators and crocodiles, but other exotic animals such as snakes and tapers. Gatorland also acted as a gator farm up until 1998, when the park decided to become more of a conservation-oriented organization. Two years ago, the historic Central Florida landmark nearly closed down forever. In 2006, a fire, which was started by a heating element that was used for pythons, had an electronic malfunction. The fire was responsible for destroying the majority of Gatorland's buildings. Although the only animal fatalities from the fire where the two pythons in the area where the fire started and a gator, the financial and emotional damage of the fire was extensive.

During the lecture, McHugh attempted to choke back tears as he described seeing "Jesus" being written by sky writers while a demolition crew tore down the fire-damaged remains of the wing of the park that McHugh's wife's grew up in.

In fall 2007, they broke ground on a new and improved Gatorland, with thanks given to the support of the community.

"It was really humbling to see your impact to the community," McHugh said.

Before he became the CEO and President of Gatorland, McHugh was a 13-year veteran of the Sea World amusement parks, which is where he met his wife, Diane, whose grandparents founded Gatorland. McHugh attended the University of Texas and earned a master's degree in marine biology and in 1998, while acting as CEO of Gatorland, McHugh also earned an MBA from UCF.

The presentation was a part of the History Center's Brown Bag Lunch and Learn program, in which the center encourages patrons to bring their own brown bag lunch while listening to speakers

discuss pivotal moments in Central Florida history.

"The Brown Bag Lunch and Learn series is a number of programs that we have and we have it every other month," said Paul Wengrowsky, the History Center's curator of education.

"Because we are located downtown, and there are so many businesses downtown, there are so many people looking for a different way to do lunch, we thought that this might be a good way of engaging the downtown community."

Previous Brown Bag Lunch and Learn programs at the History Center included Dana Summers discussing political cartooning and Dr. Giles McCoy, a survivor of the sinking of the USS Indianapolis. The next Brown Bag Lunch will be held on

August 26 and will feature yet another UCF influence. Professor Richard Lapchick will be at the center to discuss the issue of diversity at the Olympics.

The Orange County Regional History Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and open from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. General admission is \$9.

The History Center can be reached either at 407-836-8500 or at their Web site, www.thehistorycenter.org.



LOCAL WEATHER

	Today ISOLATED T-STORMS High: 94° Low: 76°	TODAY IN DETAIL Today: 30 percent chance of rain. West southwest winds at 9 mph. Tonight: Storms into the evening. West southwest winds at 7 mph.		Tuesday T-STORMS High: 91° Low: 75°
	Wednesday T-STORMS High: 87° Low: 74°			

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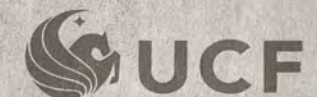
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UCF awarded grant to support Autism program

JENNA REW
Contributing Writer

Autism Speaks, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for research and increasing awareness of autism, has awarded UCF's Center for Autism and Related Disabilities a grant for almost \$20,000 in support of its new program, Real Experience in Autism Classrooms Helps.

UCF CARD and the new program are part of a statewide support system for autism and related disabilities that provides assistance to families, schools, community agencies and any other places where autistic individuals may spend their time, said Teresa Daly, director and project leader for UCF's CARD.

The UCF program, designed after the University of South Florida's Partnership for Effective Programs for Students with Autism, will begin this fall with a placement of 50 to 100 UCF students working closely with teachers in 10 to 20 local classrooms.

According to USF's PEPSA Web site, USF's original program was designed to provide critical training for teachers and graduating students entering the school system who want to provide a high quality education to their students with autism and related spectrum disorders. Daly said UCF's CARD plans to do the same with the Real Experience program.

UCF faculty members teaching classes relevant to the Real Experience in Classrooms Helps program, such as education and psychology, may be contacted by CARD representatives who wish to speak to their classes about the program in hopes of encouraging students to participate, Daly said.

"The students going out of the university who are going to go into the school system don't have any experience [with autistic children]," Daly

said. "The program gives them the exposure and the confidence."

Students who choose to participate in the Real Experience program will be paired with teachers in local school districts to observe and help in classrooms with autistic children.

"It allows them to get into teaching faster," Daly said about what the program will do for UCF students who participate. "It provides them with real life experience in a school-based setting."

The program helps students apply what they are learning in their UCF classrooms and gives them experience in dealing with disorders that they may not have seen in the classes most often assigned to student teachers, Daly said.

The \$20,000 grant will be used to help promote the Real Experience program, match UCF students with local teachers, fund traveling for CARD representatives to go to the assigned schools and check on UCF students, as well as for data collection and follow-ups, Daly said.

Grant money will also be used to provide UCF students with additional training to help answer questions about autism.

Daly said that only 21 grants were given out by Autism Speaks for the program category this year.

The grant is for one year, but Daly says she hopes to continue the program after the grant cycle ends in July 2009 and plans to encourage other universities to do so as well.

Autism is a neurological disorder that typically lasts throughout an individual's lifetime. One in every 150 individuals is diagnosed with the disorder and it is four times more likely to occur in boys than in girls, according to the Autism Speaks Web site, www.autismspeaks.org. Autism affects all racial, ethnic

ABOUT AUTISM

DEFINITION

■ Autism is a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3.

■ Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions and leisure or play activities.

■ Individuals with autism often suffer from numerous physical ailments which may include: allergies, asthma, epilepsy, digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, feeding disorders, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders and more.

■ Autism is diagnosed four times more often in boys than girls. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the occurrence has climbed to an alarming one in 150 people across the country.

■ Autism does not affect life expectancy. Currently there is no cure for autism, though with early intervention and treatment, the diverse symptoms related to autism can be greatly improved.

WHAT CAUSES AUTISM?

You will hear many theories about what causes autism. To date, no one has found the exact cause of autism.

In the early 1950s-1970s it was thought that the mothers of children with autism were neglecting and not loving their children which in turn caused them to regress into a world of their own. These mothers were labeled "Refrigerator Mothers." Thanks to Dr. Bernard Rimland, we've come a long way since then.

It's important to do your own research into the various causes that are being investigated. We believe that families should have access to all information including environmental insults, vaccines, genetics, etc.

AUTISM AND GENETICS:

There are many in the scientific community who believe that there is a strong genetic component or pre-disposition to autism spectrum disorders.

It's important to note that in the past 10 years of looking for the "autism gene," none has been found which leads many researchers to believe that something had to TRIGGER the gene to turn on and cause autism.

According to officials at the National Institutes of Health, while there is most likely a genetic predisposition, there must also be an environmental component to autism. The rapid rise in the rate of autism over the last 15 years cannot be attributed solely to genetics.

Autism is no longer considered a heritable, genetic disorder. It is an environmentally triggered, therefore preventable and treatable disease. Environmental research holds the key to finding the cause and developing effective treatments for those affected.


WHAT TREATMENT OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE?

When families and caregivers begin looking into the various treatment options available for autism spectrum disorders, they will be surprised to find that there are many options out there. Unfortunately, what works for some families, may not work for others. Since individuals with autism spectrum disorders are not exactly the same, treatment plans need to be made specific for each individual.

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LOCAL & STATE

FROM A2

U.S. Army in Miami hosts party to celebrate Colombian hostages

MIAMI — The U.S. Army is honoring the Colombian government and its military for rescuing hostages held by terrorist groups in a ceremony in Miami.

Sunday is the Colombian Independence Festival.

U.S. soldiers will march to the stage holding a boxed American flag that was previously flown on Capitol Hill. Both the Colombian and American flags will be raised during their anthems.

U.S. Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Ballart will be presented with a flag, which will then go to the Colombian Consul, Luis Ignacio Guzman.

Fifteen hostages were rescued earlier this month, including kidnapped French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt and three Americans.

Child dies after being left in hot car while mother had nails done

WEST PALM BEACH — West Palm Beach authorities say a mother left her son waiting in a hot car as she did her nails hours before her wedding. The boy later died at a hospital.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office said Sunday that 29-year-old Mirland Baptiste may not have known the boy was in the car. She dropped off other children at a relative's house Saturday before going to the nail salon.

She was supposed to get married later that day. Instead, the family mourned the boy's death at the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Officials say the boy may have been in the car for more than two hours. Temperatures outside had reached 90 degrees.

— ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHER EDUCATION

What's in the news at colleges around the country

Florida's education market booms with many offering night classes

FORT LAUDERDALE — For-profit colleges are finding a spot in Florida's higher education market, but their popularity comes with a higher price.

The number of for-profit institutions that offer a degree in Florida grew from 238 five years ago to 313 in 2008, according to the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools & Colleges, the schools' professional organization. Enrollment was about 135,000 in 2006-07, a 23 percent increase over the previous year.

The schools target students looking for focused career training instead of a traditional college experience.

"Classes are held in the evenings and weekends, so people working and raising families can take them," said Kathy Mizereck, the association's executive director.

Plus, there is no expense to taxpayers.

Their popularity comes despite higher tuition. Full-time students pay between \$7,000 to \$15,000 a year compared to the \$2,200 a year a community college student pay and the \$4,000 for public university students.

Erin Peters, 25, said she decided to pursue a degree at Keiser College in Fort Lauderdale after taking classes at Broward Community College, now Broward College. "At BCC, the class sizes are too big, and I need something more focused," she said. Most classes at Keiser have a dozen or fewer students.

Among the largest players in South Florida are Keiser University, the University of Phoenix, Everest University, formerly Florida Metropolitan University and the Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale.

Tuition at private nonprofit universities, though, is higher. Nova Southeastern University charges about \$19,000 a year, and the University of Miami, which charges about \$35,000.

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NATION & WORLD

Keep current with headlines from around the globe



STEVE UECKERT / THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE

A collapsed crane is visible within the Lyondell Basell Houston Refinery. It was one of the nation's largest mobile cranes. It killed four workers and injured seven on Friday.

Investigators try and figure out why refinery crane collapsed

HOUSTON — Federal investigators on Saturday began trying to figure out why one of the world's largest mobile cranes toppled over, killing four contract workers and injuring seven others.

Officials said it could take time before knowing what caused the 30-story-tall crane to collapse Friday at a Lyondell Basell refinery in Houston, the latest of several deadly crane accidents around the country.

The massive crane, capable of lifting 1 million pounds, was owned by Deep South Crane & Rigging, which Saturday released the names of its four workers killed in the accident.

At the Lyondell Basell refinery, company officials said they were trying to restore normalcy. The refinery brought in grief counselors and will hold a series of safety meetings to address concerns about the accident starting Monday, said David Roznowski, a company spokesman.

Investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration began their formal accident investigation early Saturday, Roznowski said.

Cameras are mounted around the plant and refinery officials said the company hopes the video will help determine what happened.

Two of the injured workers remained in Houston hospitals Saturday. Their injuries were not life-threatening, Roznowski said.

Two other injured workers were taken to a hospital and have since been released. Three others were treated and released at the scene, fire officials said.

The first lawsuit stemming from the collapse was filed in Harris County state district court, the Houston Chronicle reported.

Tropical Storm Cristobal sends rain to southeast coastline

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Tropical Storm Cristobal, the first tropical storm to menace the Southeast seaboard this hurricane season, continued to move along the North Carolina coast early Sunday, and was expected to dump several inches in some areas of the drought-stricken state.

At 5 a.m. EDT, the center of the storm was about 60 miles southwest of Cape Lookout, N.C., and about 130 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras, N.C. The National Hurricane Center said Cristobal was moving northeast at about 6 mph with maximum sustained winds of about 45 mph and some higher gusts.

"Basically the track is running parallel to the coast," said lead center forecaster Martin Nelson, speaking with The Associated Press by telephone from Miami. "Slow strengthening is forecast for the next day or two."

At the By The Sea Motel in North Myrtle Beach, S.C., out-of-state visitors photographed outer storm bands as Cristobal churned off the coast, said hotel manager Charlie Peterson. Intermittent light rain fell in the afternoon but that wasn't enough to chase them away.

"They've got their cameras set and they think there is going to be lightning over the water," he said.

Military focus might shift to Afghanistan as deaths increase

BAGHDAD — After intense U.S. assaults, al-Qaida may be considering shifting focus to its original home base in Afghanistan, where American casualties are running higher than in Iraq, the top U.S. commander in Iraq said Saturday.

"We do think that there is some assessment ongoing as to the continued viability of al-Qaida's fight in Iraq," Gen. David Petraeus told The Associated Press in an interview at his office at the U.S. Embassy.

Whatever the result, Petraeus said no one should expect al-Qaida to give up entirely in Iraq.

"They're not going to abandon Iraq. They're not going to write it off. None of that," he said. "But what they certainly may do is start to provide some of those resources that would have come to Iraq to Pakistan, possibly Afghanistan."

He said there are signs that foreign fighters recruited by al-Qaida to do battle in Iraq are being diverted to the largely ungoverned areas in Pakistan from which the fighters can cross into Afghanistan. U.S. officials have pressed Pakistan for more than a year to halt the cross-border infiltration. It remains a major worry not only for the war in Afghanistan but also for Pakistan's stability.

DMX arrested on charges of giving false name to hospital

PHOENIX — Rapper DMX was arrested at a Phoenix mall Saturday on suspicion that he gave a false name and Social Security number to a hospital to get out of paying for medical expenses.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said that when DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, went to Scottsdale's Mayo Clinic in April, he used the name "Troy Jones" and failed to pay a \$7,500 bill.

DMX's Scottsdale attorney, Cameron Morgan, declined to comment.

Arpaio said his office began investigating the charge following an animal neglect investigation last year at the 37-year-old rapper's north Phoenix home. DMX was arrested in that case on felony drug possession and misdemeanor animal cruelty charges after authorities seized 12 pit bull dogs and dug up the remains of three others.

The musician/actor has had other recent run-ins with the law, including an arrest at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport earlier this month on outstanding warrants after he failed to appear in court.

The week before, he was arrested in Miami on charges of attempting to purchase cocaine and marijuana.

"He's back in jail again," Arpaio said. "I don't know why judges keep letting this guy out. Every time he goes in there, he gets out on bond."

"I'm hoping this is the one time he's going to pay the penalty for his offense," he added.

Arpaio said the bond had not been set in the recent arrest.

If DMX remains jailed, the sheriff said he would be isolated from the rest of the inmates for his own safety. "They may not like his music," he said.

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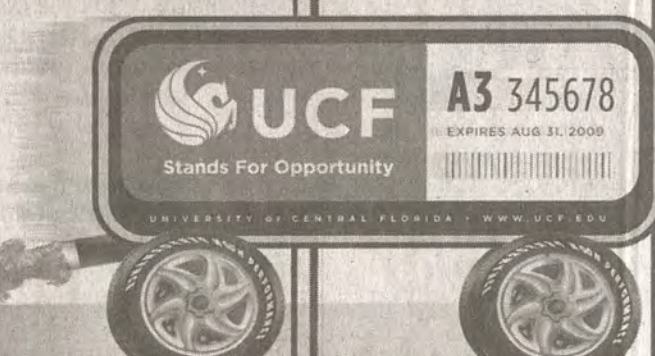
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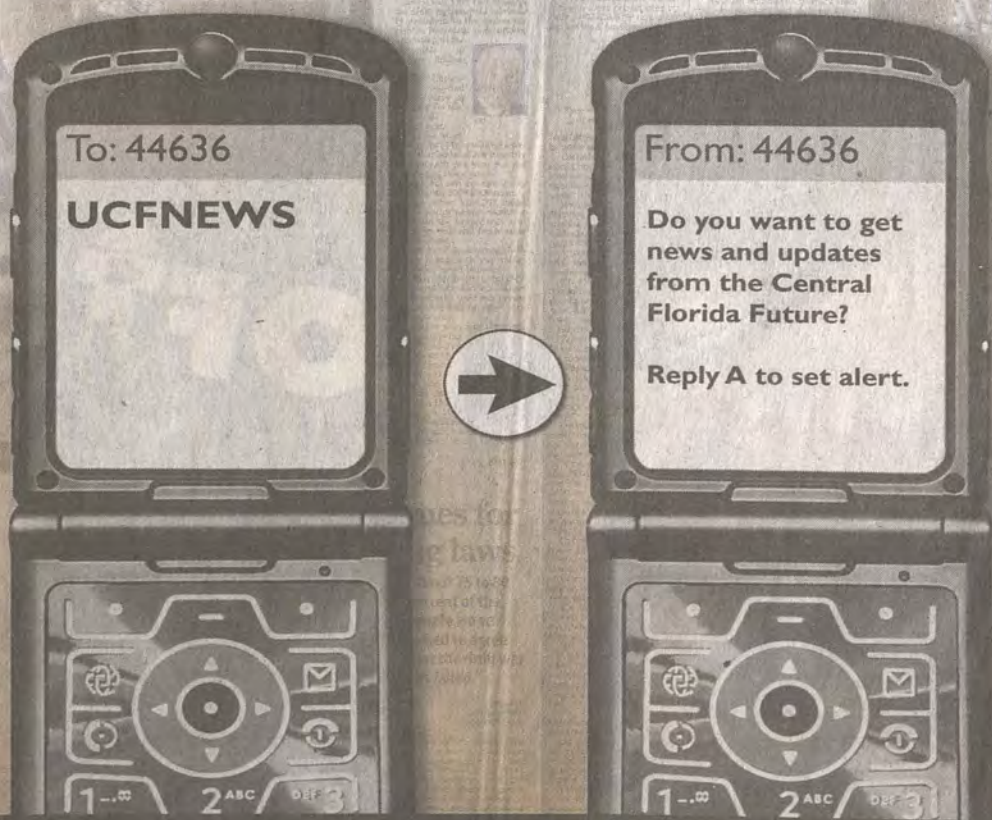
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Barack Obama visits Afghanistan for first time

FISNIK ABRASHOI
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama pledged steadfast aid to Afghanistan in talks Sunday with its Western-backed leader and vowed to pursue the war on terror "with vigor" if elected, an Afghan official said.

On the second day of an international tour designed to burnish his foreign policy credentials, Illinois Sen. Obama and a pair of colleagues held two hours of talks with President Hamid Karzai at his palace in the capital.

Obama has chided Karzai for not doing more to build confidence in his government, which remains weak after the ouster of the Taliban in 2001.

He made no public comment after the meeting, but said in a written statement that his main purpose was to see U.S. troops, thank them for their "extraordinary service" and let them know the United States is proud of them.

Obama said he and his colleagues were talking to military and diplomatic leaders, and Afghanistan's leaders about whether the U.S. has the right strategy and resources to defeat the Taliban and al-Qaida.

"Our message to the Afghan government is this: We want a strong partnership based on 'more for more' — more resources from the United States and NATO, and more action from the Afghan government to improve the lives of the Afghan people," Obama and Sens. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Jack Reed, D-R.I., said in a joint statement. "We need a sense of urgency and determination."

"We need urgency because the threat from the Taliban and al-Qaida is growing and we must act; we need determination because it will take time to prevail," they said. "But with the right strategy and the resources to back it up, we will get the job done."

The Afghan presidency said Obama's message was positive.

"Sen. Obama conveyed ... that he is committed to supporting Afghanistan and to continue the war against terrorism with vigor," said Humayun Hamidzada, Karzai's spokesman. He said Democrats and Republicans "are friends of Afghanistan and no matter who wins the U.S. elections, Afghanistan will have a very strong partner in the United States."

Obama has made



U.S. Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai at the Presidential Palace in Kabul on Sunday. Obama began his first-ever visit to Afghanistan as part of an official delegation.

Afghanistan a centerpiece of his proposed strategy for dealing with terrorism threats. The Illinois senator has said the war in Afghanistan, where Taliban and al-Qaida-linked militants are resurgent, deserves more troops and more attention as opposed to the conflict in Iraq. Both Obama and his Republican rival for the presidency, Sen. John McCain, advocate sending more forces to the country.

In an interview broadcast Sunday in the United States, Obama described the situation here as "precarious" and "urgent," and said the U.S. should not wait to begin the planning that would be needed to send in more troops. As troops sent to Iraq as part of the buildup of forces there begin to leave, Obama says one to two brigades should be redirected to Afghanistan to bolster the efforts here.

"The situation is precarious and urgent here in Afghanistan and I believe this has to be our central focus, the central front in our battle against terrorists," Obama told CBS News. "If we wait until the next administration it could be a year before we get those troops on the ground."

While officially part of a congressional delegation on a fact-finding tour that is expected to take him to Iraq, Obama traveled in Afghanistan amid the security accorded a likely Democratic nominee for president rather than a senator from Illinois.

Media access to him was limited, and his itinerary was closely guarded.

Earlier Sunday, he praised U.S. troops during breakfast with soldiers at Camp Eggers, a heavily fortified military base in the city.

"To see young people like this who are doing such excellent work, with so much dedication ... it makes you feel good about the country," Obama said.

"I want to make sure that everybody back home understands how much pride people take in their work here and how much sacrifice people are making. It is outstanding," he said in footage filmed by the military and obtained by The Associated Press.

On Saturday, the delegation received briefings from U.S. commanders and a former Afghan warlord who is now the governor of Nangarhar, a province in eastern Afghanistan where militant attacks are spiraling.

The trip is Obama's first overseas since he secured the Democratic nomination last month. He is scheduled to travel through Europe this week and give a speech on

the U.S.-German partnership and trans-Atlantic relations in front of the gold-topped Victory Column, or Siegesaeule, in downtown Berlin.

Obama advocates ending the U.S. combat role in Iraq by withdrawing troops at the rate of one to two brigades a month while increasing the military commitment to Afghanistan. Obama has proposed sending two more combat brigades — about 7,000 troops — to Afghanistan. McCain, who has criticized Obama for not spending more time in the region, also advocates sending more forces to the war-torn country.

U.S. military officials say the number of attacks in eastern Afghanistan, where most of the U.S. forces in the country operate, has increased by 40 percent so far this year compared to the same period last year.

Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, told The Associated Press on Saturday that after intense U.S. assaults there, al-Qaida may be considering shifting focus to its original home base in Afghanistan, where American casualties are recently running higher than in Iraq.

Obama also has expressed weariness with efforts by Afghanistan's neighbor, Pakistan, to go after militants in its territory. That frustration may strike a chord with Karzai, who has accused Pakistan's intelligence service of supporting the Taliban insurgency — a claim Pakistan denies.

But Obama also has chided Karzai and his government, saying it had "not gotten out of the bunker" and helped to organize the country or its political and security institutions.

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Congress shoots down gas tax holiday proposal

JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The political vision of a summer gas tax holiday died a quick death in Congress, losing to a view that federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel will have to go up if they go anywhere.

Despite calls from the presidential campaign trail for a Memorial Day-to-Labor Day tax freeze, lawmakers quickly concluded — with a prod from the construction industry — that having \$9 billion less to spend on highways could create a pre-election specter of thousands of lost jobs.

Now, lawmakers quietly are talking about raising fuel taxes by a dime from the current 18.4 cents a gallon on gasoline and 24.3 cents on diesel fuel.

With gas prices setting records daily, Republican presidential hopeful John McCain and former Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton called for a 90-day suspension of the federal fuel tax to give drivers a little relief at the pump. The fuel taxes go into the Highway Trust Fund, which is used for road construction and repair and mass transit.

Clinton suggested making up for the loss by imposing a windfall profit tax on oil companies, an idea that Republicans rejected. McCain said the money could come out of the general Treasury fund, in effect adding to the federal deficit, and is still getting mileage from the idea.

"Some economists don't think much of my gas tax holiday," he said in a speech this month. "But the American people like it, and so do small business owners."

Barack Obama, the likely Democratic nominee, opposed the idea from the beginning and the White House gave it a cold shoulder. Depriving the 52-year-old Highway Trust Fund of \$9 billion at a time when it is heading into the red doomed the notion of a gas tax holiday in Congress.

The chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. James Oberstar, and the chairman of the highway subcommittee, Rep. Peter DeFazio, presented fellow lawmakers with a list of how many jobs and how much money each state would lose. It ranged from \$30 million and 1,000 jobs in Vermont to \$664 million and 23,000 jobs in California.

"Because the trust fund is already looking at a looming



A gas price shown in McKinney, Texas on Friday. Prices at the pump backed away from record highs as oil futures edged up Friday, but crude's gains were modest in comparison to the spectacular three-day drop earlier in the week. The political vision of a summer gas tax holiday died a quick death in Congress, losing to a view that federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel will have to go up to compensate for lost revenue if the normal gas tax goes anywhere.

shortfall, it would have moved project cancellations into the construction season," DeFazio, D-Ore., said in an interview. He said it was "highly unlikely" that oil companies would have passed savings along to consumers.

Just three years ago, that trust fund enjoyed a surplus of \$10 billion. Even without a tax freeze, the fund is projected to finish 2009 with a deficit of \$3 billion. That that could grow as Americans drive less and buy less gas because of higher

pump prices.

The consequence is that only about \$27 billion in federal money will be available next year to states and local governments for new infrastructure investment even though the current highway act calls for spending \$41 billion a year. For many, the solution is to raise rather than suspend or cut federal fuel taxes, which haven't changed since 1993.

The Transportation Construction Coalition, a group of industry companies and

unions, said that if Congress does not do something about the shortfall, states will lose about one-third of their road and bridge money in the budget year starting Oct. 1. That would put 485,000 more jobs at risk.

That message carried the day this summer. But now Congress has the bigger task of dealing with the short-term deficit crisis in the fund and coming up with a new spending plan, including revisiting the gas tax issue, when the

current six-year, \$286 billion highway-transit act expires in September 2009.

Senate Democrats in May tried to add \$5 billion to an aviation overhaul bill to replenish the highway trust fund next year; Republicans objected. Democrats tried again in June, but this time for \$8 billion; Republicans objected to that, too.

Congress should first reduce spending on pet projects, known as earmarks, argued Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C. "I'm not going to let the Senate spend all this money when nobody is looking, especially when we refuse to stop wasting billions of taxpayer dollars on earmarks."

Oberstar, D-Minn., said his committee is working on the next long-term highway bill. He estimated it will take between \$450 billion and \$500 billion over six years to address safety and congestion issues with highways, bridges and transit systems.

"We'll put all things on the table," Oberstar said, but the gas tax "is the cornerstone. Nothing else will work without the underpinning of the higher user fee gas tax."

At the very least, the gas tax should be indexed to construction cost inflation, DeFazio said.

The nonpartisan National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission concluded in a

report this year that the U.S. needs to spend \$225 billion annually over the next 50 years to create a highway and transit system capable of sustaining strong economic growth. Current spending, at federal, state and local levels, is about \$90 billion a year.

Among other revenue-raising possibilities, the commission recommended gradually increasing the current federal fuel taxes to 40 cents a gallon.

The American Road & Transportation Builders Association is calling for a 10-cent-a-gallon raise and indexing the tax to inflation. With construction costs soaring because of competition for building materials from China and other developing nations, the tax rate would have to be about 29 cents a gallon to achieve the same purchasing power as the 18.4-cent rate imposed in 1993, the association says.

Including state and local levies, people in the U.S. pay about 47 cents on average in taxes for a gallon of gasoline. Fuel in many European countries costs \$8 to \$9 a gallon, with half or more of that going to taxes.

Other ideas that will be on the table when lawmakers write a bill next year including more toll roads and public-private partnerships, congestion pricing and user fees where drivers pay a tax based on how many miles they drive.

Cook keeps office, SGA investigates

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said he was holding it until he got an apology for being grabbed by his elbows and told he had to return it. During his time holding the Eucharist as collateral, Cook said he received threats after the story gained national attention. A week after taking the Eucharist, he returned it without getting an apology.

SGA Official Anthony Furbush submitted the impeachment affidavit last week against Cook. Furbush was present in the audience during the impeachment vote.

On July 16, the Legislative, Judicial and Rules Committee, an internal committee within the legislative branch of SGA, voted in favor of sending the impeachment affidavit to Senate to allow them to vote.

It is unknown at this time when exactly the investigative meetings will be held, but they must be completed within four school weeks. Special meetings could be used in order to speed up the process.

Supporters and opposers of Cook's actions were present in the audience during the meeting.

Sara Wong, a political sci-

ence major, had a banner around her waist that said "Respect the Jeez-its," mimicking the label of the popular cheese cracker with pictures of tiny Eucharist.

Wong, who is Catholic, said she was happy to see Cook impeached, but also hopes that he has a chance to state his side of the story in front of everyone.

"I'd like to see it as a positive chance for Senator Cook," Wong said.

She said she would continue to go to the meetings until the ordeal came to an end.

On the other side of the

issue, Daniel Winstead, a political science major and member of the Campus Freethought Alliance, was also in the audience. Winstead has been offering free advice in understanding the legal aspects of everything that has happened with Cook.

Even though Winstead has been giving Cook legal advice, he said he is not surprised about the way the impeachment vote went, especially with the closeness the situation has to religion.

"I foresaw it going this way," Winstead said. "It appears as if there are outside motivators."

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Medical staff monitored Plancher's condition

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ous exercise. Florida State's Devaughn Darling collapsed and died during an offseason workout in 2001. Examination of Darling's body found that he carried sickle cell trait.

The analysis conducted by the Wuesthoff Reference Laboratory in Melbourne found Plancher collapsed and died because of the "sickling" of his cells in the heart, lungs, liver, spleen, pancreas, kidneys, adrenal glands and thymus.

A normal blood cell is smooth and round. When it sickles, it becomes misshapen and malformed. It also becomes sticky, making it easier for blood to clump or clot as it flows through the body.

The medical examiner's tests did not reveal any internal or external trauma. Toxicology tests found no illicit drugs or toxins.

UCF spokesman Grant Heston told the *Orlando Sentinel* on Thursday that school officials were aware Plancher had tested positive for sickle cell trait. But he also said testing positive does not automatically disqualify students from participation in athletics. Previously, UCF officials had told the *Sentinel* in numerous interviews that Plancher had passed two physical examinations and had been

"Although the Medical Examiner's report provides additional perspective to this tragedy, it does not ease the sadness I feel about having lost such a fine young man as Ereck."

— GEORGE O'LEARY
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cleared to play.

The National Athletic Trainers Association in 2007 called for athletes with sickle cell trait to be withheld from activity when symptoms arise. The guidelines state that an athlete should be pulled from training immediately if he or she experiences such symptoms as muscle cramping, pain, swelling, weakness, tenderness, inability to "catch breath" or fatigue.

In a statement posted on the UCF Athletics Web site, Director of Athletics Keith Tribble said: "As we have said throughout, Ereck passed all of his physicals and was cleared to participate fully by UCF team physicians. Our staff advised Ereck of his sickle cell trait and monitored his physical

condition at every practice and workout.

"With that in mind, our medical staff will make a comprehensive assessment of the findings in the Medical Examiner's report. And let me say this clearly: if our staff determines changes should be made in light of this report, I am committed to making those happen."

In a statement to the media, UCF Football head coach George O'Leary said: "Although the Medical Examiner's report provides additional perspective to this tragedy, it does not ease the sadness I feel about having lost such a fine young man as Ereck. On behalf of our entire football program, I again wish to express our condolences to his family and friends."

Senators debate resolution

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graduate student Nicole Ganguzza. Alumnus Sean Thomas Dolan's memory will be honored through Resolution 40-23.

UCF values every student and alumni who have been part of its community, and will always remember Ganguzza and Dolan with honor and respect, according to the resolutions.

Resolutions 40-22 and 40-23 had their first reading four weeks ago and were introduced by Sen. Seph Mard (College of Business Administration) and Sen. Justin Klein (College of Medicine).

"The great debate is that we cannot do it for everyone," said another member of the student senate amid the debate.

Before the final voting, the Senate agreed on a new step: To be able to commemorate others who have passed away.

"I'm glad Resolutions 40-22 and 40-23 did pass; however, I do understand the debate and I do know that we need to find a new program that gives more inclusive that brings all our students together," Service and Public Relations Chairman Dustin Robinson said. "Right now, we obviously cannot — it is very very hard, especially including alumni members to honor the people's passing."

Robinson also said that his goal is to partner up with Eternal Knights, which is a program that honors deceased students.

At the open forum, which was at the beginning of the Senate meeting, alumnus Corey Rubenstein along with some members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, showed support for the resolutions by giving brief speeches. Dolan was a member of the fraternity.

Amid a debate, Sen. Brendon Rivard (College of Arts and Humanities) said the brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha were no longer in the building during the final voting on the resolutions. But eight members of the fraternity were still sitting in the audience waiting on the final votes, and they stood up one by one to make their presence known.

"I think they were debating some of the things that needed not to be debated," said SGA official Anthony Furbush, who is also a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha



SGA senators voted in favor of a resolution to honor the memory of Nicole Ganguzza and Sean Thomas Dolan. However, some debate occurred insinuating not every death can be recognized.

fraternity. "I don't see any problem commemorating the death of somebody or the memory of somebody in order to prove whatever point they feel they need to prove. If they're going to do it in other avenues, which they think is an ineffective way. As a senator, find an effective way: write a resolution and make a standard procedure if they think it's wasting students' time."

"Throughout the period, I was confident with the result and the poise of the student Senate," Rubenstein said after the final vote. "There was never any real doubt that the motions would get passed because they are founded in common sense and come from

the passion and heartfelt of condolences of the student body. I thank all the senators for their time and commitment to the democratic process."

Ganguzza's family and husband will receive a copy of Resolution 40-22. Dolan's family will receive a copy of Resolution 40-23. The gesture is a way to let the families know that they are not alone in this difficult time, as stated by the resolutions.

"I am very pleased that the student senate has voted to pass these resolutions commemorating the deaths of members of our UCF family," said Sen. Stephen Mortellaro (College of Sciences) after the meeting.

Jealousy is reported as motive

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one-way ticket to Bombay, India.

The cousins had argued the day before the murder over the time Agarwal spent with her friends and the time she had come home, deputies said. A downstairs neighbor reported commotion coming from the apartment, and also saw Agrawal leave about the time Agarwal is believed to have been murdered.

As reported in the *Orlando Sentinel*, Agarwal, 20, was scheduled to become the youngest student in UCF's history to obtain a doctorate, which may have been a root of jealousy for Agrawal, according to deputies.

Agrawal was escorted back to the country by the US Diplomatic Security Service.

He is being held at the Orange County Jail under a no bond status and waiting trial.



Deepa Agarwal's body was found inside her Mission Bay apartment on July 19, 1999. Her cousin and roommate, Kamesh Agrawal, is waiting trial for her murder.

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HARRINGTON MAKES IT BACK-TO-BACK BRITISH OPEN WINS

SOUTHPORT, England — Padraig Harrington became the first European in more than a century to win the British Open two years in a row, pulling away from mistake-prone Greg Norman.

Even in the relentless wind, Harrington managed to shoot 32 on the back nine to close with a 1-under 69 for a four-shot victory.

"I knew my game was there, but maybe this week I made the right decision at the right time, and got the right break at the right time," Harrington said.

He won last year at Carnoustie despite a double bogey on the final hole, beating Sergio Garcia in a playoff.

Harrington finished at 3-over 283, becoming the first European since James Braid in 1905-06 to win the Open in successive years. It was his first victory since the British Open last year, and moved him to No. 3 in the world.

Norman, at 53 trying to become the oldest major champion, lost his two-shot lead entering the final round in three holes and still had a one-shot lead going to the back nine.

But he made eight bogeys in 30 mph wind and closed with a 77 to tie for third with Henrik Stenson.

CYCLING



GERRANS WINS 15TH STAGE, SCHLECK TAKES TOUR LEAD

PRATO NEVOSO, Italy — Think of it as a dream fulfilled.

Frank Schleck of Luxembourg seized the overall lead in the Tour de France on Sunday.

"For me to take the yellow jersey, it's a childhood dream," Schleck said after the 15th stage.

Cycling's premier event got a new leader on a day when Simon Gerrans of Australia captured the 15th stage. This was his first stage victory in four Tour appearances, and he called it a "beautiful thing."

Schleck leads Bernhard Kohl of Austria by seven seconds while Australian Cadel Evans is third, eight seconds back.

Sunday's stage led riders on a nearly 13-mile ascent up the Agnel pass and a final climb for seven miles as the race entered the final week.

Gerrans finished in 4 hours, 50 minutes, 44 seconds and beat Spain's Egoi Martinez by 3 seconds. U.S. rider Danny Pate was third, 10 seconds behind.

BASEBALL



TAMPA RAYS' CLOSER PERCIVAL ACTIVATED FROM DISABLED LIST

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Rays activated closer Troy Percival from the 15-day disabled list on Sunday.

Percival had been out since July 2 with a strained left hamstring. The right-hander also was sidelined from May 29-June 12 with an injured left hamstring.

"He's feeling stronger and better," manager Joe Maddon said. "It's great to have him back. He's been chomping at the bit."

The Rays have been struggling lately, losers in eight of their past 10 games through Sunday.

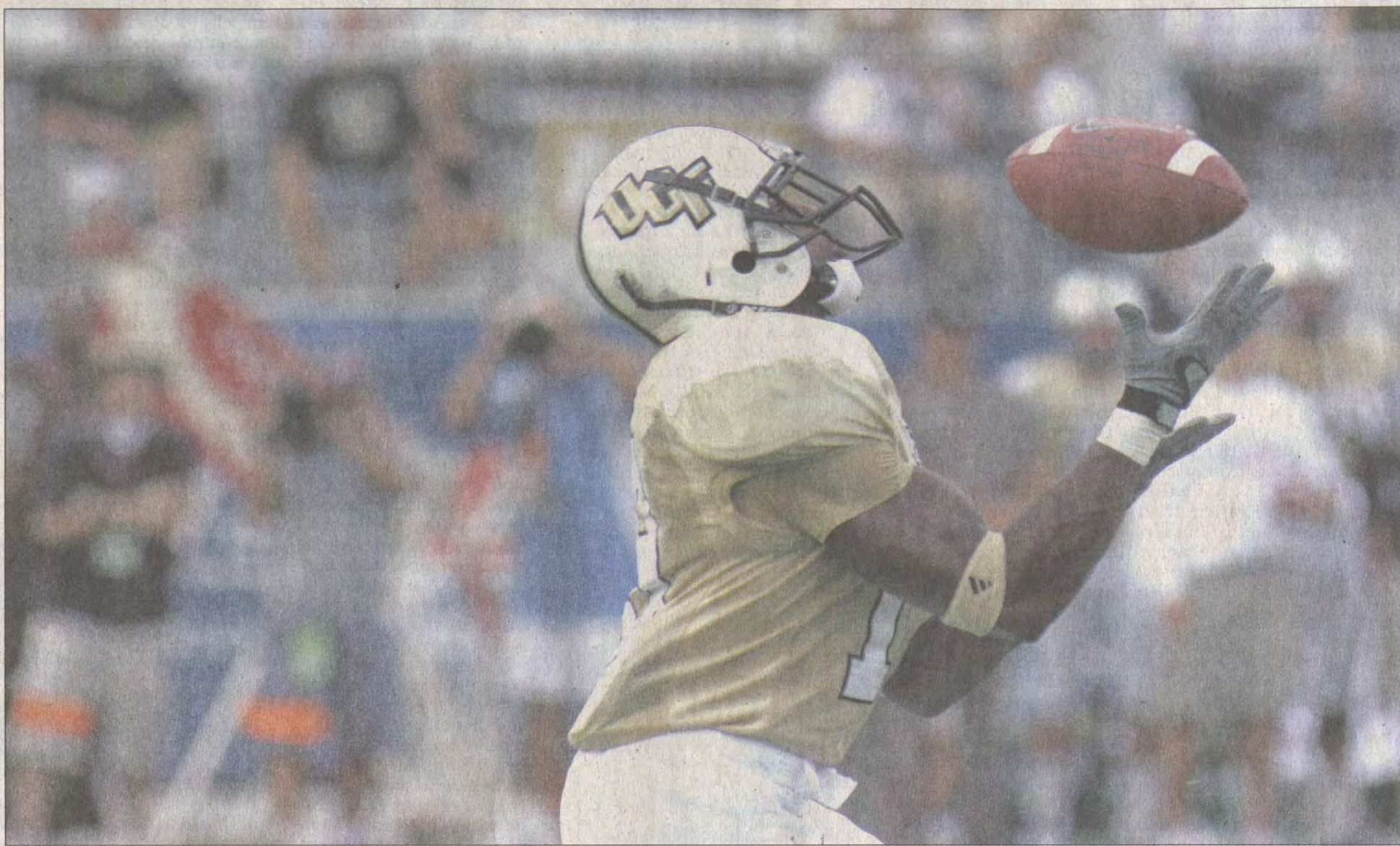
The Rays also placed reliever Gary Glover on the 15-day DL with a strained left calf. The move is retroactive to July 11.

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BACK-TO-BACK?



CF ARCHIVE

Senior punt returner and cornerback, Joe Burnett, and the rest of the Knights were picked to repeat as East Division champions in a preseason poll among Conference USA's 12 head coaches that was released Wednesday.

C-USA coaches tab Knights to repeat as East champions

BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

For the second time in three seasons, the UCF Football team has been picked by the 12 head coaches of Conference USA to repeat as East division champions.

UCF received 67 of a possible 72 points in the preseason coaches' poll, which was released Wednesday. Tulsa was an unanimous pick to win the West. If the poll holds true, the Knights and Golden Hurricane will battle for the C-USA Championship on Dec. 6 for the third time in four seasons.

"It's nice to see that other people think highly of you, but I think one thing we focus on is our own expectations for ourselves," senior safety Sha'reff Rashad said. "Expectations for our team are always high, and we expect to win the conference every year."

Two Knights made the coaches' All C-USA Team: senior punt returner Joe Burnett and senior offensive lineman Pat Brown.

Burnett was named the league's preseason special teams player of the year. He

ranked 28th in the nation and second in C-USA with a 10.68 yards per return total last season. He leads all active punt returners in the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision with 929 career punt return yards. Burnett was also named C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year prior to the 2007 season.

"That's an honor," Burnett said. "That's something I've got to live up to. I've got to go out and prove that I am the guy that they picked, that chosen one to be."

But Burnett has more than

"Expectations for our team are always high, AND WE EXPECT TO WIN the conference every year." — SHA'REFF RASHAD, SENIOR SAFETY

GET YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT

REMATCH?

If the Conference USA coaches' poll holds true, the Knights and Golden Hurricane will meet for the second straight year in the conference championship game. The Knights won last year's meeting on Dec. 1 by the score of 44-25.

UNFRIENDLY HISTORY

This is the second time in the past three seasons in which the Knights have been chosen as the preseason favorite to win the East Division. But in 2006, the Knights didn't live up to expectations and finished with a 4-8 record.

SPECIAL TREATMENT

Two Knights were selected as members of the preseason All-C-USA Team. Senior Joe Burnett earned first team honors as a punt returner and was named the conference's preseason special teams player of the year. Offensive lineman Pat Brown was also named to the conference's first team.

IT'S UNANIMOUS!

While the Knights received 67 of 72 points available in the poll to win the East, Tulsa received all 72 points to be the winner of the West Division.

one job. He has also been one of the Knights' two starting cornerbacks for the past three seasons. He has 12 career interceptions, the second-most in UCF history. So does Burnett consider himself more of a returner or cornerback?

"Coach [Dave Huxtable] is our special teams coach, and he always says our first position is special teams," Burnett said. "It's a tough gamble, but I'm going to say I'm a punt

returner, then a corner. But I take a lot of pride of being a corner and being out there on an island."

Brown has made 38 consecutive starts at left tackle for the Knights — a total that leads the country. Last season, Brown helped pave the way for the Knights to set single-season school records with 3,287 rushing yards and 501 points scored.

Yet being picked to win the division in July hasn't

been a good omen for the Knights come December. After making it to the C-USA Championship Game in 2005, UCF was picked to win the East in 2006. Instead, the Knights struggled and finished the season at 4-8.

"We definitely remember things like that, and we just want to prove ourselves," Rashad said. "Once you get out there and start playing,

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UCF Baseball player inks deal with MLB's Angels

ZACH PARDES
Staff Writer



CF ARCHIVE

UCF center fielder Tyson Auer signed a free-agent deal with the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim on Tuesday. Auer is 1 of 5 2008 Knights who have joined the pro ranks.

Angels' rookie league team, on Wednesday night. Based out of Orem, Utah, the Owlz began a seven-game road trip Wednesday against the Great Falls Voyagers of Montana.

Auer was reunited with former UCF teammate Dwayne Bailey, who was drafted in the 21st round by the Angels in June.

Bailey, who mostly played second base for the Black and Gold, has already made an appearance in 15 games for the Owlz, batting .222 with 13 runs and seven RBI.

Auer said that he was excited to join the Owlz's squad and his former teammate, and playing together was something the two Knights had

talked about.

"The team just told me they needed me as soon as possible, but they may give me some time to regain my form," Auer said in a press release. "And playing with Bailey is one of the best parts about it. We were thinking about what it would be like if we ended up playing on the same team, and it's funny now that it ended up happening."

Auer was not the only Knight to move up to the professional ranks this year. He is one of five players to play professional ball from UCF's 2008 squad.

Pitchers Mitch Harold and

PLEASE SEE **AUER** ON A9



Senior punt returner Joe Burnett was the preseason pick for C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year for the second times in 3 seasons.

Tackle holds starts record

FROM A8

preseason picks really aren't on your mind that much. The game is played in between the lines."

Despite the approval of the coaches, the two predicted division winners have some big voids to fill for 2008. UCF head coach George O'Leary said Thursday that the Knights would initially go with a running back-by-committee

approach in their first season after Kevin Smith decided to go to the NFL.

O'Leary said he would use at least three running backs in the season's first few games and see who is better in first down and third down situations.

Tulsa will have to find a way to move on without its own record-setting player, quarterback Paul Smith.

Southern Miss running back Damion Fletcher was

named the league's preseason offensive player of the year while teammate linebacker Gerald McRath was named the league's preseason defensive player of the year.

The Knights' fourth season in Conference USA will begin Aug. 30 with a season-opening game against South Carolina State at Bright House Networks Stadium. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.

New assistant coach to serve men's tennis team

BRIAN MURPHY
Sports Editor

NICK ZIEZIULA



Position:
UCF Men's Tennis assistant coach

Qualities:
Zieziula's has experience as a player, coach and teacher.

UCF Men's Tennis head coach Bobby Cashman thinks he has found the best fit for an assistant coach of his team in Nick Zieziula.

Zieziula, whose hiring was announced Tuesday, will assist UCF with recruiting, practice organization and individual instruction. He will also be responsible for managing the Knights' video analysis.

"He is the best fit for now for where the program is at and where we need to go," Cashman said of Zieziula. "I think with his background, he is going to help us."

Cashman said that he wanted to a hire a person who has experience as a college athlete and coach. Zieziula is certainly that.

Zieziula spent four years as a student-athlete on the tennis courts of the University at Buffalo. When he concluded his career with the Bulls in 2005, he was the school's all-time leader in both singles wins, with 69, and doubles victories, with 65, at the Division I level. As a senior, he garnered All-Mid-American Conference Second Team honors.

Zieziula went from playing to coaching his alma mater. During that time, he also served as a part-owner of

NEWS TO NOTE

NO BULL

Zieziula played Division I tennis for the University at Buffalo Bulls. He set a school record for all-time singles wins and doubles victories with 69 and 65, respectively.

STOKES HEADS SOUTH

Zieziula replaced Brandon Stokes as assistant coach. Stokes left in June after taking a head coaching position for Florida Atlantic University's Men's Tennis team.

a pro shop and worked as a teaching professional in tennis academies.

"The best fit now is someone who, one, wants to be a head coach and work hard, but also help me elevate and continue to grow the program," Cashman said. "Since [Zieziula] had three years experience of prior coaching, that was important because

he's done the practices, he's done the recruiting, he's done a lot of the day-to-day operations.

"And he was a good player. He was all-MAC second team. I wanted someone who had a little bit of both good playing background and good coaching. I just didn't want one."

Zieziula replaces Brandon Stokes, who left UCF in June after he was named head coach of the men's tennis team at Florida Atlantic.

Cashman said that Zieziula's level of preparedness for the job and his ability to handle a number of duties were big pluses.

"He was the most well-prepared for the interviews, too, and that's the bottom line," Cashman said. "Some people were maybe better players in things like world rankings, some people had different qualities, but [Zieziula] possessed a more all-around ability of what I needed as far as filling Brandon's shoes, but maybe even going beyond that and looking to the future."

The Knights went 12-9 in the 2008 season, reaching the semifinals of the Conference USA Championship on April 19. Cashman and Zieziula will try to help the Knights further improve in C-USA when UCF's 2009 season begins in January.

Auer joins former teammate

FROM A8

Mitch Houck, catcher Robert Lara and Bailey signed minor-league deals earlier this summer.

Auer started in center field for the Knights all four sea-

sons, wrapping up with a top ten ranking in UCF career at-bats, runs, hits, triples, sacrifice flies, sacrifice bunts, stolen bases and stolen base percentage. As a senior, Auer knocked three home runs and hit .273. He started all 58

games of the 2008 season.

Auer said in a press release that his time with the Owlz will be a learning experience.

The Owlz had a solid showing in June, dropping only four games of 15, and have eight wins in July so far.

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OUR STANCE

Test sharing Web site is not a problem

By now, most people have heard the rumors about fraternities and sororities on college campuses that keep books containing old tests and test answers.

Considering the fact that many professors reuse the same tests semester after semester, these can often come in handy to students who have yet to take that professor's class. Maybe that's why some professors' classes fill up almost immediately after being open for registration.

There is now an easier and more expansive way for students to do this, using the one thing that became the greatest boon, but also the greatest risk to a college education — the Internet. Postyourtest.com has essentially started a massive database where students can anonymously upload their previously taken tests and other students can download those tests to study for the same or similar classes. This could be a breeding ground for academic cheating if professors don't take the initiative to change their tests around after each semester.

There are some professors who simply don't let students view the test after completion unless they come to their office and review it right there in front of them. While that does reduce the possibility that test questions make it into public domain, it doesn't eliminate that possibility because during testing students may walk off with a test, ask for an extra copy and even memorize questions, all of which can mean that the test is then vulnerable to future cheating.

Florida State University student Brittani Drain told WCTV in Tallahassee, "They might not

post it online, but people — I've seen people — take two copies of a test and take it home and give it to their friends, all kinds of things."

Sadly, this kind of behavior is always going to happen. Sharing old tests is nothing new, but this Web site has made it 10 times easier and 10 times faster for students to get a look at possible questions from their upcoming test.

Since the inception of Postyourtest.com, professors had been allowed to request that their material, which is copyrighted, be removed and placed on a ban list. Last week, the site's creator, Demir Oral, said that professors must now wait for content to be posted before requesting removal, and submit a form indicating that they own the copyright to the material and that their request meets the requirements of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

The site's main audience is San Diego, where it currently operates. Oral has stated that he would like to expand the site to include many more universities.

"Also, although I am still focused on the United States, in the future I would like to go global," Oral said. "I think it would be really effective worldwide."

We believe that this site could be an extraordinary academic tool for students who want to learn more about the class by way of materials that wouldn't necessarily be offered by the instructor. If used properly, old tests can be a beneficial study aide for students who wish to expand their knowledge.

To be clear, we don't condone cheating whatsoever, yet we also don't condemn the existence of Postyourtest.com.

Some professors have raised concerns about the site because they believe that it could be used to cheat on exams.

This is true, if professors aren't aware of the site and they continue to reuse tests, there are students that are bound to cheat this way. It is the responsibility of each individual professor to ensure that their exam contents are refreshed often enough where students would be discouraged from using this tool as a method for cheating.

Another argument has been made that the site is doing nothing but posting copyrighted material and professors should have the right to filter material before it is posted. In a perfect world, that would probably be preferable to educators everywhere. But Oral's decision is perfectly legal because the Constitution protects publishers from prior restraint under the First Amendment. The Supreme Court ruled in *New York Times v. United States* that it is unconstitutional to ban something before it has been published.

With technology being incredibly cheap and user-friendly, it was only a matter of time before a test sharing site like this was created. It's certainly not a new idea, yet educators are still disturbed that anything like this could exist. Postyourtest.com hasn't broken any laws as of yet, and just like with music downloading, it's ultimately the prerogative of the original publisher to stay one step ahead of malicious users. Academic journals exist so that the world can share the knowledge and research coming from scholastic institutions — sharing test questions on diverse subjects is no different.



Technology presents new artist possibilities

This is the Digital Age.

Undoubtedly, we live in an age where information and entertainment beats on our eardrums, presses against our pupils and flows through our fingertips at what feels like the speed of light. News reports can be released to an international audience only minutes after an event happens. Important skills and interesting talents can be learned and practiced simply by finding the right Web site. Entertainers have the ability to reach massive audiences at nearly no cost.

By far one of the areas most affected by this new age is the music industry. A little more than a century ago it was nearly impossible for a musician to produce and distribute his or her music without the assistance of a record label. An artist essentially had to either seek out the labels or hope to be "discovered," but it was rare that a musician or band made their way to the top on their own accord. Gaining national acclaim without outside help was nearly impossible for an artist or band, and even local success was difficult to achieve. In order to be known, an artist had to produce their own sampler albums or mix tapes and print their own fliers, hoping that they'd become a word-of-mouth sensation.

Now, decades later, technology has allowed musicians to cut out the middle man and become international sensations with almost no outside help at all. A novice performer with no previous musical experience can buy an instrument and use the Internet to learn how to play it. That same novice performer can record and rework some of his work, open a MySpace account and release it to a seemingly infinite audience of listeners. A band trying to advertise their local shows can design their own digital fliers and simply post them online rather than paying to print them. The digital age has given the artist the ability to take much more control of his or her own destiny in the industry.



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Contributing Writer

It's this new age of access and ability that has allowed the modern independent music scene to develop so rapidly. Every artist with a new idea can be heard if he or she wants to be. Nothing can be deemed too fast, too slow, too boring or too weird for an audience. On the web there's an audience for everything. Artists can digitally produce and distribute their own tracks from outside of the grips of major labels, meaning more original work for the public.

A perfect example of how the music industry has changed since the dawn of the digital age is the teen rapper sensation we know as Soulja Boy Tellerp. DeAndre Ramone Way's first offering to an international Internet audience was a dance video he posted on YouTube in 2005. The home-made video for his bedroom-produced song "Crank That" gained quite a buzz on the web, prompting Way to create a MySpace page for his music. From his MySpace page he released his own album as well as a few more videos demonstrating the dance that accompanied his most popular song. Within months he was approached by Interscope Records and given the chance to have his music distributed nationally. The rest is history.

Soulja Boy's story is a perfect example in that it shows that the Digital Age is both a blessing and a curse. While it is amazing that an artist has the ability to put himself in the limelight, they don't always deserve to be. Soulja Boy's music is quite popular, but many would agree that it isn't exactly the greatest music of all time. Having such a large and fast gateway for entertainment and information means that bad entertainers are going to have just as easy a time getting where they want to go as good entertainers. The industry becomes an email box with a few important reads and a massive collection of unintelligible spam. In the end the rise to the top for an artist will come from how hard they push themselves, how talented they are and just how popular they become.

GI Bill deserves undivided attention

On June 30, President Bush signed a new GI Bill into law, which will provide our armed forces with the opportunity to embrace education upon their return from service.

Originally, the GI Bill, formerly known as the Servicemen's Readjustment Act during WWII, covered tuition, fees and books and "made higher education affordable for eight million veterans," according to an Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America fact sheet.

The GI Bill provides young men and women an added incentive to fight on behalf of their country. However, how do you quantify the compensation due to American soldiers who face the prospects of death on a daily basis? While monetary compensation is admirable, the sole cost of the war is roughly 10 times more than the one-year allowance granted to soldiers for tuition.

Specifically, the IAVA reports the total compensation for education to be \$39,600, while the Congressional Research Service indicates the cost of deploying one U.S. soldier for one year in Iraq is \$390,000.

Additionally, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid reports that the U.S. spends \$5,000 per second as of May 5.

However, this educational financial aid only covers 60 to 70 percent of the average cost of four years at a public college or university, or less than two

years at a typical private college, according to IAVA.

Therefore, the revised GI Bill should stimulate more money from the government to offset both the personal and monetary cost of the war. Providing an education is the least the government can do for the soldiers who live in a constant state of turmoil in the fight against terrorism.

The GI Bill is also potentially beneficial to the welfare of the economy as indicated by a congressional study in 1988 which found that "every dollar spent on educational benefits under the original GI Bill added seven dollars to the national economy in terms of productivity, consumer spending and tax revenue."

Although the new GI Bill is a viable solution to the military's shortage in troops that would encourage a lot of individuals to enlist, we believe that it should be a personal decision to enlist, one independent of glamorous incentives. Otherwise, it is as though the government is appealing to the vulnerability of the youth of America as they fall victim to the economic demands of living, and more importantly education.

Reportedly, the IAVA specifies that "the GI Bill is the military's single most effective recruitment tool; the number one reason civilians join the military is to get money for college."

We are not trivializing the advantage of the GI Bill, we are

just stating that it should not be used as an agent of recruitment, but rather an exchange meant to symbolize American gratuity for the service our soldiers have performed.

Unfortunately, Defense Secretary Gates has recommended "a total increase in the two services, 92,000 soldiers and Marines over the next five years — 65,000 soldiers and 27,000 Marines," according to CNN.

An increase in enlistees will only aggravate the cost of the war, which is already expected to soar to \$800 billion since President Bush's bill, which approved approximately \$200 billion more for 2008.

We should not be spending so much money on the war to the point where we have insufficient funds to adequately compensate the people who protect Americans and ensure the security of our society.

With a 92-6 vote in the Senate and a 416-12 vote in the House of Representatives, Americans can see a bipartisan agreement to show mutual appreciation for our troops. This kind of unity is what contributes to the progressive nature of Congress.

There is a time and a place to be fiscally conservative, but now is the time for our government to put things into perspective and understand that there should be no cap on the funds intended to further the education of our soldiers, our future, our heroes.

MAN ON THE STREET

THE WORD AROUND CAMPUS

"How do you feel about the medical amnesty policy?"



JESSICA SOLOMON
Political Science, Sophomore

"I don't know what it is."



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"Someone's life is more important."



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